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Fredi Bove Interim Division Administrator 1 West Wilson Street, Room 850 Madison, WI 53701

Dear Ms. Bove:

The Division of Quality Assurance received Southern Wisconsin Center ICF-MR's final revised Resident Relocation Plan including the completed resident roster on April 15, 2009. After review of the revised Plan and roster, we find it satisfactorily meets the intent of the requirements in sec. 50.03(14) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Therefore, your plan to relocate 100 residents on a voluntary basis, with the full participation of the resident, guardian, family and the appropriate County Human Services Department/ADRC/MCO is approved effective April 15, 2009 contingent upon the following conditions:

- A facility relocating 100 residents cannot select a completion date earlier than 120 days from the date of the Department's approval of the facility's Resident Relocation Plan.
- The voluntary relocation of 100 residents from Southern Wisconsin Center ICF-MR will occur over a period greater than 120 days. You have identified a completion date of June 30, 2011.

Relocations of residents in ICFs/MR are governed by 50.03(14) Wisconsin Statutes. In this section there are numerous references made to individualized assessment and individualized planning for residents who will be relocating. Chapters 46, 49, and 55 Wisconsin Statutes also require very specific activities to be conducted by the County Human Services Department who has legal responsibility for the resident's at your facility.

- The County Human Services Department/ADRC/MCO responsible for each resident is required
 to conduct an individualized assessment and develop a comprehensive and individualized plan
 based on the needs identified in the assessment before any relocation activities occur.
- The County Human Services Department/ADRC/MCO has responsibility to abide by these statute changes as they relate to the assessment, individual plan, and location of services, and support for each person affected by the downsizing or closing.
- A significant statutory requirement directs the County Human Services Department to meet "most integrated setting". This standard is defined in Wis. Stats. Section 46.279(1)(bm) as "a setting that enables an individual to interact with persons without disabilities to the fullest extent possible."
- Chapter 50 clearly mandates individual assessment and planning and Chapter 46 clearly sets the standard of "most integrated setting".

The Department will work with your facility and will monitor your activities and those of the County Department of Human Services/ADRC/MCO to ensure that all relocations abide by statutory requirements and serve the best interests of your residents.

If you have any questions regarding this Ch 50 Resident Relocation Plan approval process, please call Dinh Tran at 608-266-6646.

Sincerely,

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